Import of Currency Printing Papers

2896. SHRI R.S. GAVAI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of currency printing papers imported during the last three years;

(b) the name of the country and company from whom the import has been made;

(c) whether the standard of currency paper has been changed during the last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL) : (a) The details of Currency Printing Paper imported in the last three years are as follows :—

Year	Quantity (In Metric Tonnes)
2000-2001	8544
2001-2002	2162
2002-2003	1090

(b) The names of the companies and the countries from whom currency note paper has been imported as above in the last 3 years are as follows :—

(i) M/s Arjo Wiggins, France.

(ii) M/s AB Tumba Bruk, Sweden (Now M/s Crane AB).

(iii) M/s Portals, UK.

(iv) M/s VHP Security Papermill, Netherlands.

(v) M/s National Bank of Ukraine, Ukraine.

(vi) M/s Papierfabrik Louisenthal, Germany.

(c) to (e) In order of increase the stiffness, the thickness and GSM (grammage per sq. mtr.) in the bank note paper of Rs. 1000/- was slightly increased.

Branches of State Bank of Indore

†2897. DR. AKHILESH DAS : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of branches of State Bank of Indore functioning in Gwalior division;

(b) the number of branches functioning in rented buildings in this division;

(c) the number of house owners who have lodged complaints in Head Office of the Bank regarding ownership of the building;

(d) the action taken by Government on these complaints; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL) : (a) and (b) State Bank of Indore has reported that it has 17 branches in Gwalior and Datia District of which 15 branches are operating from rented buildings.

(c) to (e) The bank has received only one complaint which has been examined by the bank. The claim of the complainant was found to be baseless.

Appointment on Compassionate Ground in National Insurance Company, Solan

2898. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of dependents of decreased employees of National Insurance Company employed at Solan, Himachal Pradesh who died in harness in March till date are seeking job;

(b) if so, the number of applications pending with the headquarters and how many were received since January, 2003 till date and the reasons for delay in settlement of such cases; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.